# President's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Matters

#### OPENING STATEMENT

I have an opening remark or two, before I get to the questions. Hardly a day passes that I don't bear from hardworking Americans who, through the properties of the properties

ple exercise of responsioning in entire eriment.
When Administration took ofWhen found America in the worst
economic mess since the days of
Franklin Roosevelt. With support
from the people, we passed a longterm program to save the economypromote recovery and create y inflation
and higher interest rates.

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Urges Congress to Act

And the overwhelming majority of
Americans, especially those 99 million
who are working, are beginning to see
some real hope, inflation has been cut
more than in half, interest rates are
heading down and there are other

signs that we're heading to the signs that we're heading to the sign of recovery. We still have a long way to go. But together we've pulled America back from the brink of disaster. We're better off today than we were.

And the Congress can spur recovery

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by acting now to keep inflation and interest rates coming down and to helpince the second of the seco

pie and passed by the Settate's, bie and passed by the Settate's, bie due by the liberal leadership in the Man export trading bill, that can create several hundred-thousand new jobs without costing taxpayers a cent; selezyed no conference. Dear and a private sector than a million unemployed Americans per year, also awaits action this week.

To those who are sitting on these bills while pretending all problems began Jan. 21, 1981, I must ask did these modernday Rip Yan Winkles began Jan. 21, 1981, I must ask did these modernday Rip Yan Winkles in the second of the second that the second of the seco

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### Massacres in Lebanon

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O. Mr. President, when the Palestinhan fighters were forced to leave
Beitrit they said that they had America's word of honor that those they left
behind would not be harmed. Now
comes U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick who says America must share
in the blame for these massacres. My
question to you is do you agree with
the judgment? And I'd like to follow
up.

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"Helen I think the manner in
which feane said that — and she's
stalked to me about it — was one about
the responsibility of all of us back over
a period of time with regard to the
separation of divisions in Lebanon,
the whole matter of the Middle East
peace has the we're trying so hard now to
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and not doing more to bring about an expecian that we retrying so hard now to peace that we retrying so hard now to go don't think that specifically there out has a signed a responsibility on our part for withdrawing our troops. They were sent in there with one under the control of the cont

# Economy as Election Issue

or the Administration's economic fig-ures?

A. Well, if they will honestly face up to the issue and cut through all the demagoguery and rhetoric that they're going to hear, the things that have been accomplished before, and all of the things that are still not resolved now had started long-before we got here. Unemployment for example has been on the rise for more than a decade and particularly in about the last seven years it started really coming on an average 'year's Seb billion was spent on job programs supposed to solve that problem. And they didn't solve it. And certainly the rate of increase in unemployment in the last six months of the solve that about as great has it's been at any time a company of the solve that the solve that the solve the last six months of solve that of the solve about as great has it's been at any time.

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I remember campaigning myself on the very fact that what we were seeing was campaigning amounted to depression, not recession. Now if the people will add up who's been in charge, who was running the store and that the eight of the seeing the seeing

# today the Bankers Trust lowered it to **Economy and Election**

Economy and Election

O. In the upcoming November election, how much of that do you see as a
referrendum on your Presidency and
on your economic program? And if
Republicans don't do well in those
elections, how might you modify the
coronic program?

If you have to
abide a little bit by tradition, that in
that first off-year election of any new
Administration, normally there is a
great setback. Now our opponents are
30- additional seats. Now, I think
they're saying that because tradition
has it that normally they get about 35
or 8 and so they would like to be able
under the seat of the seat of the seat of the seat of
did than we thought we were going to
do. Well, all I can tell you is we're
going to do our best to see if we can't
disponit them. going to do our best to see if we can disappoint them.

# Plan for Exiting Lebanon

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Q. Mr. President, do you have a plan
for getting the United States out of
Lebanon if fighting should break out
there? Or could the Marine presence
there lead to another long entangle.

A. No. I don't see anything of that
kind taking place there at all. And the
Marines are going in there into a
stutution with a definite understanding as to what we're supposed to do.

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forces leave Lebanon and then as such
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depart.

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Q. If fighting should break oragain, would you pull the Marines out?
As You're asking a hypothetical question, and I've found out that I never get in trouble if I don't answer ose of those.
Sam?

# Blame for Recession

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O. Mr. President, in talking about the continuing recession tonight, you have blamed mistakes of the past, and you blamed the Congress. Does any of the blame belong to you?

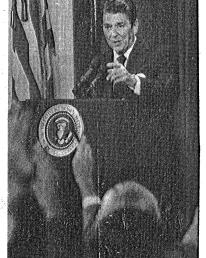
A. Yes, because for many years I was a second of the past 18 months? The Democrats in Congress as yet hey gave you you tax program; they gave you almost all the budget cuts you want. All post of the past 18 months? The Democrats in Congress as you want.

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Policy on Busing



partment has said it is considering asking the court to dismantle manday of court ordered busing in St. Jouds and several other cities across the nation. Were you consulted in advance, but the count of the count o

Q. Mr. President, it has been re-ported that you believe that Israel is sabotaging your peace initiative, and also that you now believe that Israel has become the Goliath in the Middle

slo that you now believe that Israel has become the Gollath in the Middle East and that the other countries, the has become the Gollath in the Middle East and that the other countries, the Arab countries, are the David. Did you say that? Do you believe that? A I didn't say it exactly that way. In A I didn't say it exactly that way that the say it exactly that way that the say it is a say that it hought they were the Gollath. I said that one of the things, as the negotiations approach and we proceed with his peace-making business, that Israel should understand, as well come to understand from talking one to be say that the say that the

# **Perception of Unfairness**

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Q. Mr. President, you've described
yourself, on more than one occasion,
as very upset with the perception of
mainness—the idea that your protended to the process of the process
poor. But there's one study which
indis that most states which cut social
programs, after the sums were cut,
are not replacing them at the state
level. You and others have talked of
the need for even greater budget cuts
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they would have had if inflation had stayed at the level it was when we started.

And that is more fair, to embark on a lot of well-intentioned programs? I don't fault the intention, but, for example, in the 866 billion that I mentioned, and those job programs, shose that were training programs, only 20 cents out of the dollar went for training or the start of the st

# Goals of Peace Initiative

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Q. That's very kind of you. I just
wanted to ask you, since you said you
didn't think that Israel was trying to
undermine your peace initiative,
whether you are less optimistic about
its chances, since the massacre and
the tragedy in Befrut?
A. No, I'm not less optimistic. I'm
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And I meant what I said when I pro-posed this plan, and that is this coun-try will never stand by and see any settlement that does not guarantee the security of Israel.

Yes, Sarah.

#### Mission of the Marines

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O, Mr. President, you've told us that you're sending Marines to Lebanon for a limited amount of time and yet you haven't told us what the limit is. Can you give us a general idea of how long you expect them to stay there and tell us precisely what you would like to see them accomplish before they with-

that they should accomplish, and I hope sooner rather than later. One, they're there along with our allies, the French and the Italians, to give a kind of support and stability while the Lebanese Government seeks which the Lebanese Government seeks with the Lebanese Government seeks of the Complete of

own to the so we've had declarations from both countries that they want to do that. So I am reasonably optimistic about that. I have no way to judge about when the Lebanese Government will be the ones that tell us when they foel

home.

Q. Are you then saying that they will remain there until all foreign forces are withdrawn.

A. Yes, because I think that's going to come rapidly, I think we're going to see the withdrawal—our Marines will cause the Israelis have agreet to withdraw to that line south of the airport.

# Relations With Soviet

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Q. Mr. President, taking into account the rhetoric on both sides over the situations in Poland, Afghanistan, he arms reduction talks are going on here, the Siberian natural gas pipeline and the renewed grain sale agreement, how do you assess the United States of the Siberian natural gas pipeline and the renewed grain sale agreement, how do you assess the United States of the Siberian Sta

#### Position on Tax Increase

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Q. Mr. President, your aides are
currently at work on a new budget
that you'll present to Congress next
year. Knowing of your great distaste
for taxes and tax increases, can you'll
great you will faitly rule out any tax increases, revenue enhancers or specifically an increase in the gasoline tax?
A. Unless there's a phalace coup and
fin overtaken or overthrown, no, i
don't see the necessity for that. I see
the necessity for more cocomies
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about the 1984 budget because in three
days we come to the beginning of the
fiscal 1983 year and we still don't have
a budget. I haven't had a single appropriation bill to sign as yet and they're
all going to go home in a few days.

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A. Yes, Ralph.

# Sale of Jets to Israel

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O. Mr. President, shortly before the
Israel invasion of Lebanon, the Administration informally notified Condress of the State of the State of the State

Berney 1-18 to Israel. There's been no
formal notification since then. Is the
cleay linked to difficulties in relations
with Israel? When do you think formal
notification will go up and under what
conditions?

A. They're—they're still on tap and

nouncation will go up and under what conditions?

— they're still on tap aid we haven't sent the formal notification up and, very frankly, it was simply because in the climate of things that were going on, we didn't think it was the time to do it. However, these things that are in the pipeline, spare parts, ammunition, things of that find. The only thing that we have actually withheld, after the controversy utilityry shell, the so-called cluster shell. Yes, Ted.

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Football Negotiations

And another fairness question: dd you think the players and owners are being fair with us millions of fans?

A. Well, I hate to comment on their affairs and involve myself in all—there doesn't seem to have been the could have been, and should have been. They do seem to be very far apart, however, in their goals, Sometimes I thought we ran the Screen Actors Guild better than that.

# Stance on Job Policies

Q, Mr. President, It dike to go back to the question of jobs, on Long island, yesterday more than 4000 job spellowed to the present of the company of the co

# U.S. Relations With Israel

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Q. Mr. President, I seem to get the
impression from what you're saying
about our relationships with Israel
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about our relationships with Israel
wake of the massacre in Bertu of the
temporary rejection, anyway, of your
peace plan, is that correct? Is there no
change at all?
A. Well, there's no change in the
sense that we're spill going with everything we can. We're going to try add
to do as Egypt once and Israel, no
negotiate out a permanent peace solution in which Israel will no longer
have to remain an armed camp,
which is making their life economically unbearable. And at the same
time an answer must be found that just
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change that if I understood your quetion correctly. I don't think anything has happy change that if I understood you tion correctly.

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Nothing has changed in our feeling obligation to bring about, if we can, such a result.

Q. Sir, I really meant our relationship with the Begin Government. Igit cordial and friendly? Is it now tense? What is the situation?

what is the situation?

A. What I can teil you is one thing is int. It isn't what some of you have said or written, that we are deliberately trying to undermine or over throw the Begin Government.

We have never interfered in the in-ternal government of a country and have no intention of doing so. Never have had any thought of that kind and we expect to be doing business with the Government of Israel and with